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Omaha Where the West is at its Best

BUDGET TO MEET STATE NEEDS.

Governor McMullen has courageously met a situation by presenting a budget that does not contemplate a reduction in taxes.

The Bryan budget cut out all expenses for buildings save for a new cell house at the state penitentiary.

This has been demonstrated many times in Nebraska's history. At one time or another state institutions have been neglected.

Both governors recommended the continuing appropriation for the completion of the state capitol.

Governor McMullen recommends a million dollars more on good roads than was put out in the last two years.

The outstanding point is presented in Governor McMullen's message to the legislature:

"The increase of the total appropriations of this budget, as compared with the total budget of two years ago, is undoubtedly more than it would have been had current expenses of the last biennium been properly estimated and judiciously expanded.

It requires courage to approach the people with such a proposition, but we believe the public will approve the governor's action when it understands what is involved.

HELP WILCOX PUT IT DOWN.

W. L. Wilcox, recently elected president of the Omaha Athletic club, has taken on a real job.

In a sense the future of the Athletic club is a test of Omaha. The club fills a genuine need in the community.

Omaha is catching its breath once more, and those things that are the expression of the high purpose of the city, are also taking a new breath.

There are those who have the receivership habit, who argue that the club must go through this tortuous path. It is not necessary and Mr. Wilcox has the job of proving that it is not.

MILADY WITH THE PITCHFORK.

Of course, there are some things that a man does which a woman can not do just as well. Farming, however, is not one of them.

Of these 4,000 are operating their own farms, 20 as managers and not quite 500 as tenants. Of the

500,000 acres in the farms run by women more than 400,000 are under cultivation. The average value of the farms owned and operated by women is in excess of \$27,500.

LET THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALONE.

As might have been expected, the bill to cut the Omaha school district into bits for representation on the Board of Education has made its appearance in the legislature.

The ostensible object of the bill is to give different sections of the city representation on the board. This is to be accomplished by permitting residents in restricted localities to vote for board members.

Under existing conditions no member of the school board represents any particular group or section of the community.

No situation exists in the Independent School District of Omaha that could be cured by the application of the proposed law.

If the proposed twelve districts were established, immediately we would have a clash of interests. Combinations would be formed, and cliques would control.

Our schools are being well managed. The present board is doing its utmost to solve problems of administration that may be dealt with in the light of the entire district, and not for the especial benefit of a subdivision.

The Independent School District of Omaha is not suffering at present because of the character of the board. It certainly would, as it has in the past, if tinkered with along the lines proposed by the bill Messrs. Hines and Caldwell have introduced.

The management of the Texas inaugural ball announced "formal" attire, whereupon Pa Ferguson spoke up for Ma and said any cowboy who wanted to dance with his pants tucked in his boots could do so.

The suggestion that the pay of cabinet officers be increased has some merit. Cabinet officers should be put on the same financial plane as football coaches at great universities.

Bolsheviks held a memorial service in Omaha without attracting any particular attention. Wonder if an American convention could be so held in Moscow?

When men like Jack Dempsey write their autobiographies it means that some clever newspaper men have a chance to earn good money on the side.

Minneapolis is getting ready to build a magnificent city auditorium. A visit to Omaha would give the committee in charge some valuable hints.

Milwaukee is to have a powerful broadcasting station. But will it be able to distribute a program equal to some distributed a few years ago?

The eclipse kept its appointment right on schedule time, thus setting a good example to a lot of business men.

France, it appears, would have us believe that we owe her something for having accepted our help when tendered.

After taking a chance and being caught at it, a lot of fellows blubber about never having had a chance.

Grocer Gulick, by the way, gives a pretty good example of the benefits of preparedness.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Post—

Robert Worthington Davie

INCOME TAX PUBLICITY.

I've a job—I am one of the many Who follows the commoner art.

If I knew that my master was stealing, Would I go to his desk and resign?

Would I rush like a thunder cloud rising, And tell to the world all I knew?

Few men are so honest that money Won't tarnish faith, honor and right.

Bring forth for a candid inspection The transcript and figures and name—

It is not by secret illusions That virtue is sifted from crime.

There's a Cure and You're the Doctor



Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words or less, will be given preference.

Plauds for the Girl.

Hoskins, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The unfortunate girl facing a murder charge in Council Bluffs seems to be without friends in Omaha or Council Bluffs unless it is her attorney and relatives.

New York's 5-Cent Fare.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: As an example of successful municipal operation of a public utility, a writer in this column on January 21 urged municipal ownership as a panacea for Omaha's traction ills.

Abe Martin



An "X" of Affection.

Little Dorothy (watching mother vote)—Mamma, you voted for the man you love best, didn't you?

Correct Your Disordered Stomach

Instantly! End Indigestion, Gas, Heartburn, Acidity

We Recommend

"PURITY"

Arkansas Semi-Anthracite. The Smokeless, Sootless Coal

Gives More Heat, Requires Less Attention and Holds Fire 36 Hours

LUMP, \$13.50

Nebraska Fuel Co.

"Ask Your Grandfather"

SUNNY SIDE UP

Take comfort, nor forget, That Sunrise never failed us yet.

—Celia Thaxter

"Step forward in the car, please," is a slogan we hear every time we board a street car.

"What did your father say when you blew in last night, lit up like a Christmas tree?"

"Plenty, and the static was something fearful."

Scientists tell us that the average span of life is 15 years longer than it was a hundred years ago.

When corn was selling around 35 cents we were informed that the low price was due to the destruction of a big corn market when the distilleries closed down.

We don't believe that the country is going to the demerit how-ows. Nor that our young folks are worse than the young folks of a former generation.

Speaking about the rigors of winter, did you ever have to thaw out a frozen wooden pump before breakfast?

There is a young piano player in our neighborhood who needs only a penitentiary sentence and a good announcer to become famous enough to get an engagement on the two-day circuit.

Nebraska Limerick.

There was a bright man in Walthill Who built him a neat little still.

Then he said to himself, "I'll gather much relief, No matter how many I kill."

Hereafter the meetings of the Chicago city council are to be opened with prayer. It must be a last recourse.

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